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Three to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

Lycoming's 120th Annual Baccalaureate and Commencement Services will take place on Sunday, June 2. Bishop James W. Henley, resident bishop, Florida Area of The United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate address at 10:45 a. m. at the Pine Street United Methodist Church. The commencement service is scheduled to take place at 3:00 p. m. outdoors in the Flag Court (in case of rain—The Williamsport Consistory Auditorium). A graduating class of 347 students will receive the bachelor of arts degree. The College will also confer three honorary degrees at the ceremony.

Humanities Degree to Bishop James W. Henley

The honorary degree of doctor of humanities will be conferred upon Bishop James W. Henley, resident bishop, Florida area of The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Henley administers the work of The United Methodist Church in the Florida Episcopal area and has visitatorial responsibility for Methodist work in Cuba.

Born in 1901, in Cleveland, Tennessee, Bishop Henley attended Emory University, where he received the

A.B. degree. He obtained his bachelor of divinity degree at the Yale University Divinity School and did graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He holds the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Emory and Florida Southern College and the honorary doctor of laws degree from Bethune-Cookman College.

Bishop Henley was admitted to the Holston Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1926, ordained deacon in 1928, and elder in 1930. In 1944 he was transferred to the Tennessee Annual Conference, where he served as pastor of West End United Methodist Church in Nashville until his election as bishop in July, 1960, by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

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Academic Center Dedication Highlight of Founders Day

Three Receive Honorary Degrees

Dr. Richard H. Sullivan, president of the Association of American Colleges, Washington, D. C., delivered the 1968 Founders Day Convocation address on Thursday, May 9. The observance was part of the week of dedication for the College's new \$5 million Academic Center.

Dr. Sullivan, one of the foremost figures in American higher education, received the honorary degree doctor of laws. Honorary degrees were also conferred upon Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church, and Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell, dean emeritus of the School of Library Service, the University of California at Los Angeles. Both Dr. Wicke and Dr. Powell received the doctor of humane letters degree.

The Founders Day Convocation was held in the new Consistory Auditorium in downtown Williamsport. The honorary degrees were conferred at that time.

Dr. Wicke was the speaker at a luncheon held in the Consistory Dining Room following the Convocation. Dr. Powell delivered the address at the College's annual Faculty-Directors Dinner.

Dr. Sullivan gained national attention as a college administrator while serving as president of Reed College, Portland, Oregon. In January, 1967, he concluded ten years as president of Reed and assumed his present position in Washington.

An honor graduate of Harvard University Dr. Sullivan holds honorary degrees from seven institutions. He

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ALUMNI WEEKEND — MAY 31-JUNE 1, 1968

Friday

Second Annual Alumni-Faculty Golf Tournament

Buffet Luncheon	12:00 noon- 1:30 p. m.	Williamsport Country Club
Tee Off	12:30 p. m.- 2:30 p. m.	Williamsport Country Club
Ladies Bridge Tournament	1:30 p. m.	Williamsport Country Club

Saturday

Registration	9:00 a. m.-12:15 p. m.	Academic Center Lounge
Coffee and Doughnuts	9:30 a. m.-11:30 a. m.	Academic Center Lounge
Planetarium Sky Show	11:00 a. m.	Academic Center
Brunch	11:30 a. m.	Dining Room, Wertz Student Center

Alumni Association Business

Meeting	12:45 p. m.	Wertz Student Center
Class Reunions	1:30 p. m.	Rooms assigned on 2nd floor of Academic Center

Planetarium Sky Shows

"An Afternoon With Dylan Thomas" (Garrett Tinsman)	1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p. m.	Academic Center
	1:30 p. m. and 3:00 p. m.	Arena Theatre, Academic Center

Alumni Banquet*

Speaker:	6:00 p. m.	Dining Room, Wertz Student Center
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Dr. George D. Wolf '45

Choir Concert	8:30 p. m.	Clarke Chapel
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* Tickets at \$3.25 each will be on sale at the registration table Saturday morning or may be obtained by writing to the Alumni Office.

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Bishop Henley is the father of two sons, James W., Jr., a chaplain in Atlanta, and Chapin, a medical student who will graduate in June from the University of Florida.

Bishop Henley is a member of The United Methodist Church Board of Education, Commission on Camp Activities, and Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO). He is also a member of The United Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Bishop Henley is a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite Order.

Doctor of Laws Degree To B. Davie Napier

Dr. B. Davie Napier, dean of the chapel and professor of religion at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, will give the commencement address. At Stanford, he is in charge of the Memorial Church and related religious programs and activities. LYcoming will confer upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Dr. Napier, an ordained Congregationalist minister, was born in 1915 in Kuling, China, the son of American missionary parents. He came to the United States in 1931.

Dr. Napier received his A.B. degree in 1936 from Howard College (Birmingham, Ala.), did graduate study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1936-37, received the bachelor of divinity degree *cum laude* from Yale Divinity School in 1939 and the doctor of philosophy degree from the same institution in the field of Biblical Literature in 1944. He holds the doctor of divinity degrees from Wesleyan and Bucknell Universities and the doctor of letters degree from Alfred University.

In 1939 Yale's Two Brothers Fellowship was awarded to him and in 1941 he was elected a Fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

Dr. Napier served as chaplain and chairman of the Department of Religion at Alfred University from 1944 to 1946, at which time he accepted a similar position at the University of Georgia. He was appointed to the Yale faculty in 1949 and in 1956 was named Holmes Professor of Old Testament Literature and Interpretation, a position he held until assuming his duties of chaplain. Dr. Napier has published many books including *From Faith to Faith*, and *Song of the Vineyard*.

Divinity Degree to Robert S. Clippinger

Robert S. Clippinger, organist and faculty member at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, will receive the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

A native of Waynesboro, Pa., Mr. Clippinger was graduated with honors from Lebanon Valley College and the University of Pennsylvania and has pursued further study at Peabody Conservatory and the Juilliard Summer School.

For seven years Mr. Clippinger taught vocal and instrumental music in the public schools of Mechanicsburg, Pa. Later he became a member of the teaching staff and faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, where he is now assistant professor of voice and church music as well as organist and director of the choir. During these same years he had also been organist and choirmaster of the Grace United Methodist Church in Harrisburg.

Mr. Clippinger has frequently served on the faculty of summer workshops sponsored by both the United Methodist and Lutheran churches. Recently his choral setting of vespers as sung in a contemporary idiom has been published by the seminary.

Well-known as a recitalist, Mr. Clippinger holds the associate certificate, an earned degree of the American Guild of Organists, and he is at present dean of the Harrisburg Chapter of that organization.

Geology Professor Retires

Dr. George W. Howe, professor of geology and a member of the faculty since 1949, is retiring this year.

A native of Tully, N. Y., Dr. Howe was graduated from Syracuse University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.S. degree from Syracuse and his Ph.D. from Cornell.

Dr. Howe taught at Cornell University and Sampson College before coming to Lycoming. During a summer sabbatical from the College in 1960 he studied glacial phenomena in Britain and on the Continent.

Dr. Howe is faculty adviser to the local chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and serves on the membership and evangelism commission at Pine Street United Methodist Church.



Receiving honorary degrees on Founders Day were, left to right: Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Dr. Richard H. Sullivan, and Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell. President Wertz made the presentation.



Mrs. Lulu Brunstetter receives Award of Distinction from President Wertz.



President Wertz presides at the service of dedication in the lounge of the new Academic Center. Assisting in the dedication were Board President Fred A. Fennington, who made the presentation of the building, Richard A. Brown, president of the Student Government Association, and Dr. Loring B. Priest, chairman of the History Department, who accepted the building on behalf of the student body and faculty respectively.



Retiring Professor George W. Howe receives a gift from Dean Philip R. Marshall on behalf of the faculty at Faculty-Directors dinner.

Former Librarian Receives Award of Distinction

Lycoming bestowed its Award of Distinction for the second time in its long history on Founders Day, May 9, when it honored Mrs. Lulu Brunstetter. Presentation of the bronze medal was made at the annual Faculty-Directors Dinner at Holiday Inn.

Mrs. Brunstetter, who retired in 1957 after three decades of service to the College, recently observed her ninety-first birthday. She came to the College in 1925, three years after the

late Dr. John W. Long assumed the presidency. For the first five years she taught grades one to four at Dickinson Seminary and later taught sixth grade. When the institution was a junior college she assumed the responsibility for teaching English to foreign students on campus.

An alumna of Bloomsburg State College, Mrs. Brunstetter studied library science at The Pennsylvania State University. At the time of her retirement she was assistant librarian with the rank of instructor. She resides in Atlanta, Ga., and Washington, D.C.

Five Faculty Members Granted Sabbaticals

Sabbaticals for the 1968-69 academic year were approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the following faculty members:

Fall 1968:

Robert W. Rabold, professor of economics
Glen E. Morgan, associate professor of music
O. Thompson Rhodes, associate professor of religion

Spring 1969:

John H. Conrad, assistant professor of education
Gertrude B. Madden, assistant professor of English



Honorary Board President Robert F. Rich Dies

The Honorable Robert F. Rich '03, a former Congressman and honorary president of the Board of Directors of the College, died April 28, 1968.

Dr. Rich succeeded his father, M. B. Rich, as president of the College's Board of Directors in 1931 and served in this capacity until his resignation in 1964, at which time he was named honorary president. Under his leadership the College progressed from a seminary and junior college to a four-year institution.

He served for eighteen years as a member of the House of Representatives, to which he was first elected in 1931.

Before his retirement Dr. Rich served as president of the State Bank of Avis, which he helped to organize

in 1910, as director of the Lock Haven Trust Company, and as president and chairman of the board of the Woolrich Woolen Mills.

Born June 23, 1883, in Woolrich, he was the son of Michael B. and Ida Bell Shaw Rich. He was educated at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport Commercial College, Mercersburg Academy and Dickinson College.

Among the academic honors conferred upon him was an honorary bachelor's degree in 1937 by Dickinson College. In 1958, Lycoming conferred upon him its first honorary doctor of laws degree, and in March of 1968 he was cited by the College for outstanding service to humanity by virtue of his work and his example.

Grit Publishing Company's award for meritorious community service was bestowed on Dr. Rich in 1950.

Dr. Rich was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Woolrich. He held various positions in his church including president of the Board of Trustees. In 1917, he became active in the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and served on many commissions and committees.

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served as executive vice president and treasurer of the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J., for eight years prior to his presidency at Reed.

An ordained Methodist minister, Dr. Wicke has responsibility for the work of his denomination in higher

education. He holds advanced degrees from Western Reserve University and has done further graduate study at Oberlin College and Columbia University. A number of American colleges have conferred honorary degrees upon him.

He has served in the positions of professor of English, dean of men, and academic dean at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, and as academic dean of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. He was associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education from 1961 through 1965, when he assumed his present position. He is the author of several books.

Dr. Powell has had a distinguished career in library science as a teacher, administrator, and writer. He was educated at Occidental College in California and at the University of Dijon in France. He holds several honorary degrees.

He was chief librarian at the University of California at Los Angeles from 1944 through 1961. In 1960 he became dean and professor of the School of Library Service. He has held visiting lectureships at the University of Michigan, Yale University, and the University of Tennessee. He has also held several Guggenheim Fellowships. During the present year he is serving as a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. He is the author of numerous books and articles.



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